

SALARY BOOST IS NEEDED BY THE CARRIERS

(Clyde H. Tavenner.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The salaries of one of the most faithful body of men in Uncle Sam's employ—the rural free delivery carriers—have been increased from \$900 to \$1000 a year.

Perhaps the increase should have been to \$1200. The democrats favored making the salary \$1200 instead of \$1000, but gladly voted for the \$100 increase rather than have the carriers continue at the old wage. There are now about 40,000 rural routes in operation and new ones are being established from week to week.

No occupation is more exposed to weather than that of rural free delivery carriers, except that of the city mail carrier. The rural route must be traveled, rain or shine, winter and summer, with monotonous regularity and with undeviating fidelity to duty. The men who perform the service must be men who have and retain the confidence of the patrons along their routes.

A carrier must have at least two horses, because no horse can stand the strain of steady driving day after day. He must have at least one vehicle, and as a rule, he must have two. In some sections of the country the roads are so bad in the spring and winter that two horses are necessary to pull the lightest vehicle, and in such cases the carriers must have more than two horses.

Inquiry made of the carriers in one district showed that for the

six months ending Dec. 31, 1909, the average total expense for feed, veterinary services, horseshoes, repair of outfit, including allowance for deterioration, insurance, and interest in investment, was \$235.04. This means that the average annual expenses of the rural carriers in that district for the maintenance of an equipment absolutely necessary for the performance of their service was \$450, and that their net salary for the support of themselves and their families, and from which all their savings, if any, must be made, was \$550 a year.

One of the men who worked for the rural carriers on the floor of the house when the proposed increase came up for discussion was James M. Graham of Illinois.

"If \$900 was a reasonable salary at the time that amount was determined upon," said Mr. Graham, "it is not enough now on account of the great increase since then in the cost of living and necessary supplies. To economize in government expenditures is commendable, but economy which works injustice to a particular class of government employees is not commendable, nor should such economy be tolerated, for it is based on injustice."

MEMORY OF DICKENS.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The burial place of Charles Dickens, in Westminster Abbey, was piled high with floral offerings today in commemoration of the anniversary of his birth. Next year will mark the centennial anniversary of the birth of the famous novelist, and already the numerous Dickens societies throughout the United Kingdom are preparing to celebrate the event.

GEORGIA FRUIT GROWERS.

THOMASVILLE, Ga., Feb. 7.—With a large and representative attendance the Georgia State Horticultural society met in Thomasville today for its thirty-fifth annual meeting. In conjunction with the meeting, which is to last two days, there is a large exhibition of fruits, plants, nuts and

CLEVELAND FUND IS NEARLY RAISED

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—The committee of the Cleveland Monument Association in charge of the fund for the memorial to the late President Grover Cleveland is making every effort to have the necessary sum subscribed by March 18, Mr. Cleveland's birthday. Less than \$21,000 now remains to be collected of the \$100,000 needed for the work. Subscriptions have been received for \$75,590. The committee is pointing out that 240 subscribers at \$100 each would guarantee the necessary amount, so that it could announce on March 18 that sufficient money for a fitting memorial was at hand. Many of the subscriptions so far received greatly exceed the amount of \$100. There has also been a large number of small amounts ranging as low as \$1. The committee points out that these subscriptions show how popular the project is among the mass of the people.

Plans for the movement have taken the shape of a memorial tower at Princeton, N. J., in connection with the graduate college of Princeton University, of which Mr. Cleveland was a trustee. He was particularly interested in the work of the graduate school, and was the chairman of the trustees' committee and had it in charge. These considerations led the monument committee to choose the intended form of the memorial as a appropriate method

of honoring his memory. Checks should be made payable to Daniel S. Vorhees, treasurer, Morrisstown, N. J., or John F. Dryden, president of the association, Newark, N. J.

HOLLAND CELEBRATES

THE HAGUE, Feb. 7.—Flags were displayed in every town and village of Holland today in celebration of the tenth wedding anniversary of Queen Wilhelmina and the prince consort. The Queen was married to Prince Henry of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Feb. 7, 1891. She was then twenty-one years of age and he twenty-five. On April 30, 1909, the happiness of the royal couple was made complete by the arrival of a baby princess, who was christened Juliana Louise Emma Marie Wilhelmina, Princess of Orange. The joy of the queen and prince consort over the birth of the princess was shared by all the people of the Netherlands as it provided a direct heir to the throne and thereby greatly enhanced the chances of the country for continued independence.

RETAIL LUMBERMEN.

BAY CITY, Mich., Feb. 7.—Several hundred prominent representatives of the lumber trades are in Bay City for the annual convention of the Michigan Retail Lumber Dealers' association, the sessions of which were begun today and will be continued over tomorrow and Thursday.

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TRADES WILL BE TAUGHT IN SCHOOLS

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—The teaching of trades in Chicago schools is threatened with curtailment for lack of funds notwithstanding that vocational training as far as it has been developed has proved a great practical success. The departure from the prevailing rule of the city schools, "to educate every boy and girl to be president of the United States, but unable to earn a living," has been for years the hobby of President McPatrik of the school board, who went abroad to study vocational training there. He made a report in which he recommended that the board of education establish and maintain apprentice and trade schools both within and out of regular school hours, in the ordinary school buildings, for instruction and practice in various trades and industrial occupations. The doctrine here advocated are not new," he said in his report. "They are practiced in this country and in Europe. Munich, with a population of 500,000 has nearly forty schools for butchers, bakers, carpenters, painters, etc. Only 30 per cent of our children ever enter the high schools. Fully 80 per cent of our children never pass beyond the eighth grade, but engage in a vocation without previous preparation. The apprentice schools are intended to aid this larger number who start in life with inadequate preparation. The budget for the Chicago schools for a year totals almost \$15,000,000. For janitors and engineers the sum of \$250,000 is needed, for teachers and superintendents \$5,000,000. For "frills" comparatively little is expended, the item of music being only \$17,000, that for art \$35,000, for household arts \$95,000 will be spent.

The pastor for 25 years (without a vacation) of a Chicago church, Rev. R. A. John of St. Paul's Lutheran has the record of 2500 funerals, 3500 weddings, 4000 christenings and of extinguishing a church debt of \$100,000. His co-pastor all these years was his wife. He was the son of a Missouri minister who endured 60 years of the ministry and whose three sons all are ministers. The building up of a big city church is illustrated by the changes in the affairs of the St. Paul's church. When Rev. Mr. John became pastor 25 years ago, the Sunday school had only sixty children, who were grouped in one division; the membership of the present Sunday school is 1300 divided into four thoroughly organized divisions, which are directed by expert Sunday school workers. Twenty-five years ago there were no societies in the church, while today there are three with an aggregate membership of over 1200—a woman's society with 535 members, a senior young people's society with 455 members, and a junior young people society with 325 members. In addition to the thoroughly organized Sunday school the church has many other lines of charitable and missionary work which is sustained by free will offerings from the parish, the most noteworthy of which is an orphanage.

Other sham "religious" cults besides those of the indicted hypnotist, Sec. have been discovered by the Chicago vice commission which soon will complete a report showing appalling conditions of vice prevailing and of relations between business houses and the vice which shocked even the police department. On the segregation of vice problem the commission is divided with a majority favoring it. The facts secured showing the alliance of respectable business with the disreputable were so startling that the detailed report is to be destroyed. The facts secured regarding "white slavery" showed that previous disclosures, by United States District Attorney Sims in the "Woman's World," were understated and consequently one of the chief recommendations that will be before the joint conference urges the establishment of a permanent vice commission—to be brought into existence by appointment of the mayor or some similar method—whose duty it will be to control the vice districts and supervise the work of the police within their boundaries.

LEWIS KNOCKED OUT

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Frank Klaus, of Pittsburg, knocked out Willie Lewis, of New York, tonight in the sixth round of what was scheduled to be a ten-round bout.

TWAIN'S BOOKS AT AUCTION. NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Book collectors and dealers from all over the country were on hand today at the opening of the sale at auction of the library and manuscripts of the famous author. Included in the collection are presentation copies from



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